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Dear Professor Lederberg:

Sam Ajl has asked me to respond to your letter of November 9 concerning the biographical material you are seeking on Ed Tatum. Ed served as a member of The National Foundation's Scientific Advisory Committees from July 1949 until his death.

I rather doubt that you would find any materials in our files concerning Dr. Tatum's scientific activities before he became an advisor to The National Foundation. You undoubtedly will be visiting the Rockefeller Institute for such information and when you do, you may wish to combine that visit with a visit to our offices in White Plains. Several members of the staff were intimately acquainted with Dr. Tatum during his long tenure as advisor and would be pleased to share with you their knowledge of him and of Viola Tatum before and after her marriage to him.

Please let me know when you plan to come east and I shall make every effort to set up the necessary appointments for you here.

Sincerely,



Gabriel Stickle

cc: Dr. Samuel J. Ajl